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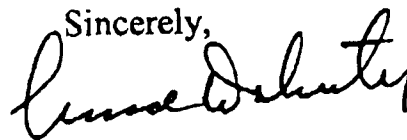
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter to you today so that my opinion may become public record. I am very happy that a settlement was finally reached in regards to the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit. Three long years of litigation have finally produced a settlement that I believe is going to be very advantageous to all parties, 2002 involved.

For the smaller computer manufacturing companies there are guarantees that Microsoft will not take any kind of retaliatory measures against them for promoting software from Microsoft's competitors. There is also a provision that restricts Microsoft from entering into any kind of contractual agreement that would retard the development of competitors' software or the competitors' ability to compete with Microsoft. There is even a provision in this settlement that requires Microsoft to disclose Windows interface information to other software developers if requested. This provision is a first for a settlement of its kind. Truly, this settlement is uniquely tailored to this situation.

No further changes to the settlement need be made. If Microsoft and the Justice Department are both happy with this settlement, and it is my understanding that they are, then we should leave it as is. I support the settlement, and hope to see it finalized soon.

Sincerely,



Leonard Doherty

cc: Senator Rick Santorum